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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 18, 2005, please amend the above identified patent application without prejudice as directed on the following pages.